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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ronald John VEITCH et al.

Group Art Unit : 1773

Appln. No : 09/826,932

Examiner : Ahmed

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For : MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until August 12, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month until September 12, 2003, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with this reply or any fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.